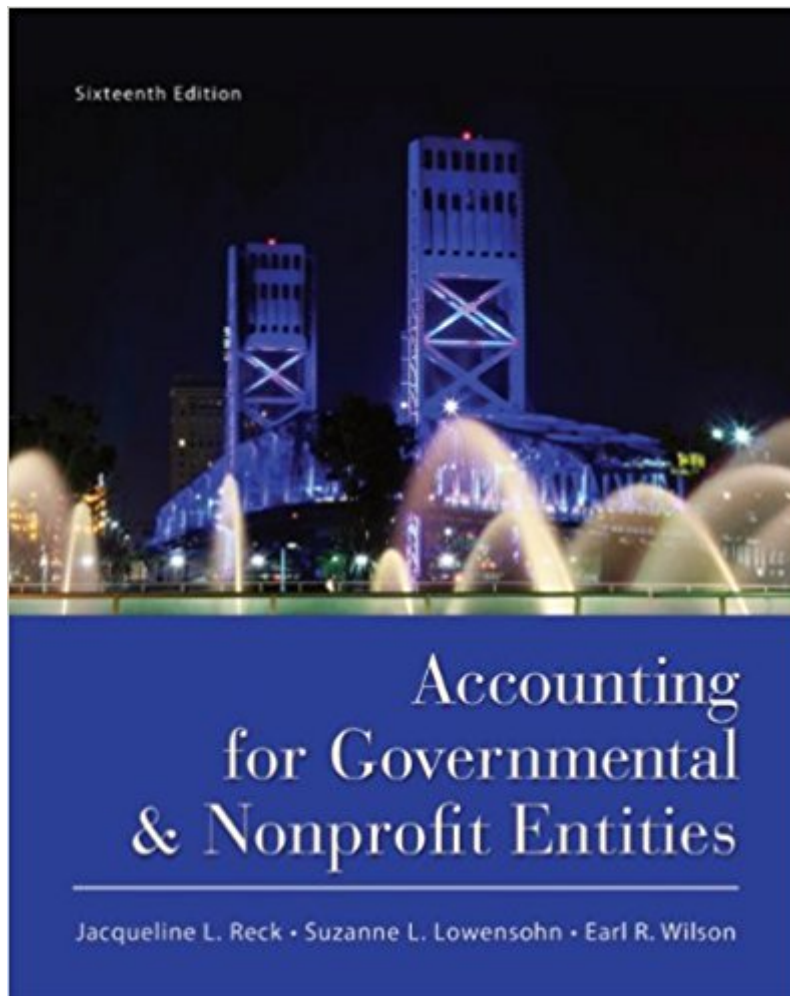


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Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Entities provides users with extensive, accurate, and up-to-date coverage of accounting and financial reporting for government and not-for-profit organizations, in addition to information on governmental auditing and performance measurement. The textbook uses a unique dual-track approach to teaching governmental accounting and features two independent computerized government practice sets to enhance student learning.

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I actually didn't have too much of a problem with the chapters as written. I found a lot of it dull, sure, but I don't know how much more exciting the topics could be. There were some terms that were never defined ("vouchering" for example, took me hours to figure out if that meant creating the voucher or paying it off -- and I found both definitions online. FYI, it means creating the voucher.). What I really couldn't stand was how the text seemed to make sense enough, and then the homework problems that followed each chapter asked readers to do things that were more complicated or at least vastly different than the text taught how to do. As an analogy (okay, slightly exaggerated...), the text would explain something simple, like how to boil water, and then the homework would ask the reader to make crÃªme brÃªfÃ©e. I found it very frustrating, and I'm glad to be done with it. And to think, I WAS actually looking forward to learning this material...

This book was required for a graduate level Governmental Accounting course. Instructors, please do your students a favor and choose another text. Nearly every student in the class that I have spoken with found this text to be poorly written and incredibly tedious to read. It seems as though little thought was put into logical organization. The authors constantly refer to other sections or chapters in the book for explanations. It is more a patchwork of information than a viable educational tool.

I did not bother reading the reviews as this textbook was required for my class regardless if other people liked it or not. As it turns out I should have because at least one other reviewer mentions this textbook when purchased new DOES NOT COME WITH ACCESS CODES for the Bingham and Smithville problems required to pass my class. I had to purchase additional access to this materials from the publisher in order to complete the assignment. I'm royally pissed because I purchased the book new because I knew I needed the access codes when I could have saved some hard earned money and rented the book or purchased used.

For my final project in class, I am required to use the computerized practice sets for the City of Bingham that supplements the content of this book. When I tried downloading the software using the instructions in the text, I discovered that I needed an access code that supposedly comes with the textbook. My text did not come with a code so I called and they promptly sent me a replacement (no complaints there). My replacement also did not come with an access code so I contacted the publisher. I was told that I needed to pay an additional cost for the access code and that "not all versions are sold with a code". BEWARE, this is one of those versions! The product description of this book is incorrect and the computerized governmental practice sets are NOT included.

The writing style of this textbook does not suit me. The average sentence is a paragraph long. Also, while discussing a certain topic, the author will use terms and other concepts to explain the topic. That is fine and dandy but not when the terms and concepts he uses are completely new! There are many times where the the terms and concepts used are then later "introduced" either later in the chapter or even in a subsequent chapter. The visuals are so dry and unappealing and most are just financial statements. It would help if there were more flowcharts and diagrams to help visualize concepts. Most of the textbook is just pages and pages of text. It's very dry and it gets tiresome. To be fair, the subject of government/not-for-profit accounting in itself is akin to putting your mouth over the exhaust of an automobile. This is why I gave it two stars and not one.

I purchased this book for a Grad Class. It is a gorgeous book and you would think that it would be better written-unfortunately it is not. The author introduces ideas vaguely, builds off those vague ideas and does not explain them until later chapters. There is no linear advancement of ideas, which makes an already difficult subject, painful.

This textbook says it is written for Seniors and Grad level students and I am only undergrad student. Well, it assumes you are already a massively skilled accountant, working with the principles daily. I struggled with the textbook and the class so much that I asked my friend to tutor me and he is a CPA. I thought I just was not getting it, but he says the textbook does not give enough information to solve the problems in each chapter, and that it was one of the worst textbooks he'd ever seen. If this is a required text for your class, good luck.

Did a decent job explaining the topic at hand through lecture, examples, and quizzes.

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